

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Change paragraph 0033, as follows:

[0033] A piston 30 shown in Fig. 5(A) includes a shaft portion 30a and a flange portion 30b. The tip of the shaft portion 30a is sharply pointed. A plurality of grooves 30c is formed in the peripheral surface of the flange portion 30b along the thickness direction thereof. In the piston 30, when the initiator is activated, air partially flows through the grooves 30c toward the tip of the piston 30. Thus, the internal pressure of the barrel is reduced, so that the pressure resistance of the barrel can be a relatively low.

Change paragraph 0038, as follows:

[0038] As is apparent from the foregoing explanations, according to the present invention, an inflator in which a gas can be ejected and supplied linearly in the axial direction of a bottle without increasing the size and the manufacturing cost thereof can be provided.